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Subject: Microsoft not a monopoly ?

Dear Sir/Madame,

I found your email addresses via the internet. I may be somebody from the Netherlands but the outcome of this trial between Microsoft and the different states will also effect my computer use in a positive way.

Microsoft is plain and cold monopoly. They have a market share of more then 90% and they move futher in other directions.
like the handheld device market, server markets... Slowly with there standards they are breaking up a free world, the internet!
Some webpages can only be succesfully viewed with the browser internet explorer. Some goverments run a large part of there offices with Windows. With this comes higher cost etc.

Its simple to say the consumers, goverments and companies have missed out on some great innovations because of Microsofts position on the software market;. Microsoft crushed small companies with bad practices. These small companies is where mostly the innovation comes from.

Microsoft for instance violated also some patents like Stacker (disk compression software that ran under DOS).
Outside of the courtroom Microsoft paid Stacker an unknown amount of Money. Microsoft stole some code from Stacker and used in there Double Space under MS DOS.

The other example is video for Windows. Some of the code Microsoft used came from Quicktime from Apple.

My point is that I hope the present deal between Microsoft and the US goverment does not go ahead.

Regards

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